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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AND
IMPOSING LIMITATIONS ON LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE AND
MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS WHO ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN
YEARS OF AGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,
4 as amended by this act, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any
5 public highway of this state or private road on which a speed limit has
6 been established in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a
7 until [he] such person has obtained a motor vehicle operator's license.

8 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older may operate a motor
9 vehicle without a motor vehicle operator's license if (A) [he] such
10 person has not had a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license
11 suspended or revoked, and (B) [he] such person is under the
12 instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's
13 license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty
14 years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four

15 years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as
16 the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her
17 motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner
18 during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (2) A person
19 holding a valid out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license may
20 operate a motor vehicle for a period of thirty days following [his] such
21 person's establishment of residence in Connecticut, if the motor vehicle
22 is of the same class as that for which his or her out-of-state motor
23 vehicle operator's license was issued. (3) No person may cause or
24 permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under sixteen
25 years of age.

26 (c) (1) On or after January 1, 1997, a person who is sixteen or
27 seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's
28 license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or
29 revoked may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
30 learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a learner's permit to an
31 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as
32 to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of
33 the road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49
34 and has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,
35 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the learner's permit and the
36 motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both parents or
37 foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, (B) the
38 legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the
39 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no
40 qualified spouse and [his] such applicant's parent or foster parent or
41 legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled without the state or
42 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the
43 applicant's stepparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or marriage, provided
44 such person is eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner may,
45 for the more efficient administration of [his] the commissioner's duties,
46 appoint any drivers' school licensed in accordance with the provisions
47 of section 14-69 or any secondary school providing instruction in
48 motor vehicle operation and highway safety in accordance with section

49 14-36e to issue a learner's permit, subject to such standards and
50 requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in regulations
51 adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each learner's permit shall
52 expire on the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle
53 operator's license or on the date the holder attains the age of eighteen
54 years, whichever is earlier. (2) The learner's permit shall entitle the
55 holder, while [he] such holder has the permit in his or her immediate
56 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, [except
57 as provided in this subdivision,] provided [he] such holder is under
58 the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an
59 instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a
60 person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate,
61 for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the
62 same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had
63 his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the
64 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction.
65 [The learner's permit shall entitle the holder to operate a motor vehicle
66 on a multiple-lane limited access highway sixty days from the date of
67 issuance, except that if the holder is under the instruction of a person
68 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section
69 14-73, the learner's permit shall entitle such holder to operate a motor
70 vehicle on such a highway thirty days from the date of issuance.] The
71 holder of a learner's permit who (A) is an active member of a certified
72 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced
73 an emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national
74 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of
75 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history
76 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the
77 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be
78 exempt from the provisions of this subdivision only when such holder
79 is en route to or from the location of the ambulance for purposes of
80 responding to an emergency call. (3) The commissioner may revoke
81 any learner's permit used in violation of the limitations imposed by
82 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

83 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
84 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
85 has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified
86 in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the commissioner
87 a certificate of the successful completion in a public secondary school,
88 a state vocational school or a private secondary school of a full course
89 of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in section 14-
90 36e or of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'
91 school approved by the commissioner, including, in each case,
92 successful completion of not less than eight clock hours of behind-the-
93 wheel, on-the-road instruction; (B) present to the commissioner a
94 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than
95 [five] eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a
96 minimum of [two] four hours on the nature and the medical, biological
97 and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the
98 operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation
99 of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the
100 operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for
101 alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an
102 examination which shall include a comprehensive test as to knowledge
103 of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road and an
104 on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time
105 of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license,
106 an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a
107 learner's permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that
108 [an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A) of this
109 subdivision shall have held a learner's permit for not less than one
110 hundred twenty days and] an applicant who is undergoing training
111 and instruction by the handicapped driver training unit in accordance
112 with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for
113 the period of time required by said unit. The Commissioner of Motor
114 Vehicles shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at
115 drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Such [five]
116 eight hours of instruction may be included as part of or in addition to

117 any existing instruction programs. [Any fee charged for the course
118 required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed
119 forty dollars.] The commissioner may waive any requirement in this
120 subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in
121 the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a
122 valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state,
123 provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received
124 training and instruction of a similar nature. [(2) The commissioner may
125 accept as evidence of sufficient training under subparagraph (A) of
126 subdivision (1) of this subsection home training as evidenced by a
127 written statement signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant,
128 or by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or the legal guardian of an
129 applicant which states that the applicant has obtained a learner's
130 permit and has successfully completed a driving course taught by the
131 person signing the statement and that the signer has had an operator's
132 license for at least four years preceding the date of the statement or, if
133 the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent, foster parent or
134 guardian so qualified and available to give the instruction, a statement
135 signed by the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by
136 blood or marriage, provided the person signing the statement is
137 qualified. (3)] (2) If the commissioner requires a written test of any
138 applicant under this section, the test shall be given in English or
139 Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the commissioner
140 shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient understanding of
141 English for the interpretation of traffic control signs. [(4)] (3) The
142 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance
143 with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of this
144 subsection concerning the content of safe driving instruction at drivers'
145 schools, high schools and other secondary schools.

146 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)
147 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application
148 under oath, except that renewals from the year immediately preceding
149 need not be under oath, stating such information as the commissioner
150 requires, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is

151 sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the
152 license. (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license
153 shall, in the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a
154 copy of [his] such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie
155 evidence of [his] date of birth and evidence of identity. (3) Before
156 granting a license to any applicant who has not previously held a
157 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who has not operated
158 a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the commissioner
159 shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to [him, his] the
160 commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the
161 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the
162 applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for
163 which [he] such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
164 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
165 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
166 vehicles and the rules of the road. If any such applicant has held a
167 license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where
168 a similar examination is required, or if any such applicant is a person
169 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies
170 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the
171 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the
172 same class as that for which [he] such applicant has applied, the
173 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. [in his
174 discretion.] When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and
175 competency of any applicant, [he] the commissioner may issue to [him]
176 such applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such
177 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the
178 class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate. (4) If
179 any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem which
180 might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, the
181 commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to
182 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding
183 such problem, [he] such applicant or license holder is a proper person
184 to operate a motor vehicle, and [he] the commissioner may further

185 require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical
 186 authority designated by [him] the commissioner, which certificate shall
 187 in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license,
 188 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may
 189 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
 190 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either
 191 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person
 192 whom [he] the commissioner determines to be incapable of safely
 193 operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each
 194 motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed by a deaf or
 195 hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such person,
 196 indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating
 197 such impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and
 198 signed by a licensed health care practitioner. (5) The issuance of a
 199 motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant who is the holder of a
 200 license issued by another state shall be subject to the provisions of
 201 sections 14-111c and 14-111k, as amended by this act.

202 (f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor
 203 vehicle in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2)
 204 any motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which [his] such
 205 person's right to operate is limited.

206 (g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
 207 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
 208 not less than seventy-five dollars nor more than ninety dollars and, for
 209 any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
 210 dollars nor more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not
 211 more than thirty days or both.

212 [(h) As used in this section, the words "motor vehicle" shall not be
 213 construed to include "motorcycle".]

214 [(i)] (h) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations
 215 in accordance with chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this
 216 section.

217 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is
218 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
219 *October 1, 2003*):

220 (b) A class 1 or 2 operator's license which contains the endorsement
221 "P" evidences that the holder meets the requirements of section 14-44
222 to operate a taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, or service bus that
223 is not used for school transportation purposes. A class 1 or 2 operator's
224 license which contains the endorsement "S" evidences that the holder
225 meets the requirements of section 14-44 to operate a student
226 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. A class 1 or 2
227 operator's license which contains the endorsement "M" evidences that
228 the holder meets the requirements of section 14-40a, as amended by
229 this act, to operate a motorcycle.

230 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-36d of the general
231 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
232 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

233 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and
234 subject to the provisions of section 14-41, as amended by this act, the
235 commissioner shall issue a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's
236 license containing a picture of the licensee. The license shall be of such
237 form and content as the commissioner may prescribe and shall be
238 signed by the licensee. The commissioner may acquire, by lease or
239 purchase, and install at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles
240 and at such other locations where operator's licenses are renewed, such
241 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
242 section.

243 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon the first
244 issuance of a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license to any
245 person less than twenty-one years of age, issue a license containing a
246 picture of the licensee. Such license shall indicate the date of such
247 person's twenty-first birthday, be of such form and content as the
248 commissioner may prescribe and be signed by the licensee.

249 Sec. 4. Section 14-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the
250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

251 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no] No
252 person shall operate a motorcycle on any public highway of this state
253 until [he] such person has obtained a [motorcycle] motor vehicle
254 operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement from the
255 commissioner.

256 [(b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not
257 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the
258 commissioner for a learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a
259 learner's permit, containing such limitation as he deems advisable, to
260 an applicant after the applicant has passed all parts of the examination,
261 other than the driving test, for a motorcycle operator's license as
262 required by subsection (e) of this section. The learner's permit shall
263 entitle the applicant, while he has the permit in his immediate
264 possession, to drive a motorcycle on the public highways, other than
265 multiple lane limited access highways, for a period of sixty days. A
266 learner's permit may be renewed, or a new permit issued, for an
267 additional period of sixty days. On and after January 1, 1990, each
268 applicant issued a learner's permit shall, while operating a motorcycle,
269 wear protective headgear of a type which conforms to the minimum
270 specifications established by regulations adopted under subsection (b)
271 of section 14-289g.

272 (c) No motorcycle operator's license shall be issued until (1) the
273 applicant for the license signs and files with the commissioner an
274 application under oath, except that renewals from the year
275 immediately preceding need not be under oath, stating such
276 information as the commissioner requires and (2) the commissioner is
277 satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a
278 suitable person to receive the license.

279 (d) (1) No motorcycle operator's license shall be issued to any
280 person between sixteen and eighteen years of age unless a certificate,

281 in such form as the commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting
 282 to the issuance of the license has been signed and filed with the
 283 commissioner by: (A) One or both parents or foster parents of the
 284 applicant, as the commissioner requires, or (B) the legal guardian of
 285 the applicant or (C) the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen
 286 years of age or older. (2) No motorcycle operator's license shall be
 287 issued to any person between sixteen and eighteen years of age unless
 288 the applicant presents to the commissioner a certificate of the
 289 successful completion in a public secondary school, a state vocational
 290 school or private secondary school of a full course of study in motor
 291 vehicle operation prepared as provided by section 14-36e or of training
 292 of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers' school approved by
 293 the commissioner, including, in each case, successful completion of not
 294 less than six clock hours of actual road instruction. No person may
 295 cause or permit the operation of a motorcycle by a person under
 296 sixteen years of age. The commissioner may accept as evidence of
 297 sufficient training a certificate signed by the spouse, being eighteen
 298 years of age or older, of a married minor applicant, or by a parent or a
 299 foster parent or the legal guardian of an applicant which states that the
 300 applicant has successfully completed a driving course taught by the
 301 person signing the certificate and that the signer has held an operator's
 302 license for at least two years preceding the date of the certificate or, if
 303 the applicant has no spouse, parent, foster parent or guardian so
 304 qualified and available to give the instruction, a certificate signed by
 305 the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or
 306 marriage, provided the person signing the certificate is qualified and at
 307 least eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner shall provide
 308 forms for the certificates, which shall be called home training
 309 certificates. If the commissioner requires a written examination of any
 310 applicant under this section, the examination shall be given in English
 311 or Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the commissioner
 312 shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient understanding of
 313 English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.]

314 [(e)] (b) Before granting a [license] motorcycle endorsement to any

315 applicant who has not [had a Connecticut motorcycle operator's
316 license] held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
317 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate
318 personally to [him, his] the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle
319 inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the
320 commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate a
321 motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of a
322 motorcycle to ensure its safe operation by [him] such applicant, and
323 has satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and
324 other motor vehicles, and the rules of the road. On and after January 1,
325 1990, an applicant under the age of eighteen shall also demonstrate
326 that [he] such applicant has successfully completed a novice
327 motorcycle training course offered by the Department of
328 Transportation or approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. If
329 an applicant has had a license or held such an endorsement from a
330 state where a similar examination or course is required, the
331 commissioner may waive part or all of any such requirement. When
332 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the
333 applicant, [he] the commissioner may issue [a license] an endorsement
334 to [him] such applicant, either unlimited or containing such limitations
335 as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or motorcycle
336 [operator license] endorsement holder has any health problem which
337 might affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the
338 commissioner may require the applicant or [license] endorsement
339 holder to demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem,
340 [he] such person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and [he]
341 the commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's
342 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by [him] the
343 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as
344 confidential by the commissioner. [A license] An endorsement,
345 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may
346 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
347 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing [a license] an
348 endorsement, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending

349 [a license] an endorsement of a person whom [he] the commissioner
350 deems incapable of safely operating a motorcycle.

351 [(f)] (c) No person shall operate a motorcycle in any manner in
352 violation of the limitations imposed in a limited [license] endorsement
353 issued to [him] such person.

354 [(g)] (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a),
355 (b) [,] or (c) [, (d) or (f)] of this section shall, for a first offense, be
356 deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined not less than
357 thirty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars and, for any subsequent
358 offense, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or
359 imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.

360 Sec. 5. Section 14-40c of the general statutes is repealed and the
361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

362 Any person denied an operator's license, or whose license is
363 suspended, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of section 14-
364 36, as amended by this act, [or subsection (e) of section 14-40a,] shall be
365 entitled to a hearing before the commissioner, in accordance with the
366 provisions of chapter 54 and section 14-4a.

367 Sec. 6. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the
368 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

369 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, as amended by this act,
370 each motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license shall be renewed
371 every six years or every four years on the date of the operator's
372 birthday in accordance with a schedule to be established by the
373 commissioner. On and after July 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Motor
374 Vehicles shall screen the vision of each motor vehicle operator prior to
375 every other renewal of the operator's license of such operator in
376 accordance with a schedule adopted by the commissioner. Such
377 screening requirement shall apply to every other renewal following the
378 initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening by the commissioner,

379 such operator may submit the results of a vision screening conducted
380 by a licensed health care professional qualified to conduct such
381 screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner during the twelve
382 months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license
383 may be renewed unless the operator passes such vision screening. The
384 commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
385 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this subsection
386 relative to the administration of vision screening.

387 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not
388 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
389 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of
390 seventy-five cents per month except that the fee shall not exceed three
391 dollars and fifty cents for any six-month period, plus the sum of three
392 dollars; and on and after July 1, 1992, one dollar per month except that
393 the fee shall not exceed four dollars for any six-month period plus the
394 sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents.

395 (c) If a change is made in the records of the Department of Motor
396 Vehicles affecting the date of birth of an operator after the original
397 issuance or renewal of an operator's license, the expiration date shall
398 remain as originally issued or renewed until the license expires. The
399 operator shall then be issued a renewal license to expire on the date of
400 the operator's birthday. No renewal license shall be issued for a period
401 of less than twenty-four months or more than seventy-two months
402 depending on the year of the operator's birth. The fee for such renewal
403 license shall be computed at the rate of forty-five cents per month from
404 the last day of the month in which such license expired except that the
405 fee shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents for any six-month
406 period, plus the sum of one dollar.

407 (d) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
408 which each motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license expires,
409 notify the operator of the expiration date. Any previously licensed
410 operator who operates a motor vehicle within sixty days after the

411 expiration date of the operator's license without obtaining a renewal of
 412 the license shall be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle
 413 operator's license and shall be fined in accordance with the amount
 414 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle
 415 operator's license. Any operator so charged shall not be prosecuted
 416 under section 14-36, as amended by this act, [or 14-40a] for the same
 417 act constituting a violation under this section but [sections] section 14-
 418 36, as amended by this act, [and 14-40a] shall apply after the sixty-day
 419 period.

420 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration
 421 date of any motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license or any
 422 public passenger transportation permit falls on any day when offices
 423 of the commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a
 424 full business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until
 425 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are
 426 open for a full day of business.

427 Sec. 7. Section 14-41a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 428 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

429 (a) An individual sixty-five years of age or older may renew a
 430 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license for either a two-year
 431 period or a six-year period. The fee for any license issued for a two-
 432 year period shall be seventeen dollars. On and after July 1, 1992, the fee
 433 shall be nineteen dollars.

434 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-
 435 36d, as amended by this act, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may
 436 waive the requirement that a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's
 437 license issued to an operator sixty-five years of age or older bear a
 438 photograph of the operator upon written application by such operator
 439 and a showing of hardship, which shall include, but not be limited to,
 440 the proximity of such operator's residence to a Department of Motor
 441 Vehicles branch office providing license renewal services.

442 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 14-44h of the general statutes is
443 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
444 *October 1, 2003*):

445 (d) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
446 which each commercial driver's license expires, notify the operator of
447 the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates a
448 commercial motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of
449 such operator license without obtaining a renewal of such license shall
450 be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license
451 and shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
452 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
453 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36, as
454 amended by this act, [or 14-40a] for the same act constituting a
455 violation under this section but said [sections] section 14-36 [and 14-
456 40a] shall apply after the sixty-day period.

457 Sec. 9. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-50 of the general statutes
458 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
459 *October 1, 2003*):

460 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-41, as
461 amended by this act, there shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars
462 and fifty cents for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license
463 issued for a period of four years, a fee of fifty-three dollars and twenty-
464 five cents for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license issued
465 for a period of six years and an additional fee of nine dollars for each
466 year for each passenger endorsement. [There shall be charged a fee of
467 thirty-seven dollars for each renewal of a motorcycle operator's license
468 issued for a period of four years and a fee of fifty-five dollars and fifty
469 cents for each renewal of a motorcycle operator's license issued for a
470 period of six years; except that a person who holds a motor vehicle
471 operator's license shall not be charged a fee for the renewal of a
472 motorcycle operator's license if such person renews said motor vehicle
473 operator's license.]

474 (b) There shall be charged for each examination of an operator of a
475 [motorcycle or other] motor vehicle a fee of thirty-six dollars. There
476 may be charged for each advance appointment for an operator's license
477 examination a fee of fifteen dollars which fee shall be paid to the
478 commissioner at least six business days prior to the date of the
479 appointment and shall be applied toward the examination fee if the
480 applicant keeps the appointment. If the applicant fails to keep the
481 appointment, the appointment fee shall be forfeited, unless (1) in the
482 judgment of the commissioner, the applicant's failure to keep the
483 appointment was due to exigent circumstances, or (2) the applicant
484 reschedules the appointment.

485 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-111e of the general
486 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
487 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

488 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend, for a period
489 of one hundred fifty days, the motor vehicle operator's license [,
490 motorcycle operator's license] or nonresident operating privilege of
491 any person under the age of twenty-one who has been convicted of a
492 violation of section 30-88a, as amended by this act, involving the
493 misuse of an operator's license or section 30-89 involving the purchase
494 and possession of alcoholic liquor by a minor.

495 (b) Any person under the age of twenty-one who has not been
496 issued a motor vehicle operator's license under section 14-36, as
497 amended by this act, [or a motorcycle operator's license under section
498 14-40a] and who has been convicted of a violation of section 30-88a, as
499 amended by this act, involving the misuse of an operator's license,
500 section 30-89 involving the purchase and possession of alcoholic liquor
501 by a minor or subsection (e) of section 1-1h involving the misuse of an
502 identity card, shall not be issued a new operator's license by the
503 commissioner under section 14-36, as amended by this act, [or section
504 14-40a] until a period of one hundred fifty days has elapsed from the
505 date all applicable requirements for any such license have been

506 satisfied by the applicant.

507 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 14-111k of the general statutes is
508 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
509 *October 1, 2003*):

510 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
511 the commissioner may issue a class 1 or class 2 operator's license [, or a
512 motorcycle operator's license,] to an applicant who is the subject of a
513 withdrawal of a commercial driver's license in any other member
514 jurisdiction if the conduct on which such withdrawal is based would
515 not have resulted in the withdrawal of the privilege to operate any
516 motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle.

517 Sec. 12. Subsection (d) of section 14-111l of the general statutes is
518 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
519 *October 1, 2003*):

520 (d) The commissioner shall maintain a record as to all convictions
521 and administrative actions for motor vehicle and traffic violations
522 committed in this state, and for any cases of failure to comply, as
523 reported to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of
524 sections 14-140 and 14-141, by any person who has not been issued a
525 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license by the commissioner
526 or by the licensing authority of any other member jurisdiction, or
527 whose license has expired or been cancelled. The commissioner shall
528 transmit such record to such licensing authority of another jurisdiction,
529 upon notification of the issuance of a license to such person.

530 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 14-286 of the general statutes is
531 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
532 *October 1, 2003*):

533 (b) No person shall ride a bicycle with a helper motor unless that
534 person holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license. [or motorcycle
535 operator's license.] No person shall operate a bicycle with a helper

536 motor at a rate of speed exceeding thirty miles per hour; nor shall any
537 bicycle with a helper motor be operated on any sidewalk, limited
538 access highway or turnpike.

539 Sec. 14. Section 30-88a of the general statutes is repealed and the
540 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

541 Each person who attains the age of twenty-one years and has a
542 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license, containing a full-face
543 photograph of such person, may use and each permittee may accept
544 such license as legal proof of the age of the licensee for the purposes of
545 this chapter. Any person who misrepresents his or her age or uses or
546 exhibits, for the purpose of procuring alcoholic liquor, an operator's
547 license belonging to any other person, shall be fined not less than two
548 hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more
549 than thirty days or both.

550 Sec. 15. Section 36a-317b of the general statutes is repealed and the
551 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

552 Each bank, as defined in section 36a-2, shall cash, at its main office
553 or any of its branch offices within this state, for any person any check
554 payable at such bank or drawn on an account held at the bank in an
555 amount up to and including five hundred dollars, provided the check
556 is presented for payment by the payee of the check, there are sufficient
557 available funds in the account on which the check was drawn to pay
558 the check, and the person cashing the check provides adequate
559 identification, and any information necessary for the bank to meet any
560 reporting or recordkeeping requirements, as required by the bank. The
561 bank may not require more than two forms of identification if the
562 person provides one of the following forms of identification: (1) A
563 current passport issued by the State Department of the United States,
564 (2) a current motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to section
565 14-36, as amended by this act, [or a current motorcycle operator's
566 license issued pursuant to section 14-40a,] or (3) any current identity
567 card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with

568 section 1-1h. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the bank
569 may determine that it is reasonably necessary to refuse payment in
570 order to protect its customer or the bank against potential fraud or
571 loss, or to otherwise comply with applicable law.

572 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) Each holder of a motor
573 vehicle operator's license who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall
574 comply with the following requirements:

575 (1) For a period of three months from the date of issuance of such
576 license, such person shall not transport more than one passenger, who
577 shall be such person's parent or legal guardian, who holds a motor
578 vehicle operator's license and is at least twenty-five years of age, or a
579 driving instructor licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

580 (2) For the period beginning three months from the date of issuance
581 of such license, such person may transport any additional member or
582 members of such person's immediate family;

583 (3) For a period of one year from the date of issuance of such license,
584 such person shall not operate a motor vehicle in the course of the
585 duties of any position of employment;

586 (4) No such person shall operate any motor vehicle for which a
587 public passenger transportation permit is required in accordance with
588 the provisions of section 14-44 of the general statutes or a van pool
589 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes;

590 (5) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor
591 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in
592 such motor vehicle; and

593 (6) For a period of six months from the date of issuance of such
594 license, no such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall
595 transport any passenger.

596 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in

597 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
598 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

599 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) or (b) of
600 this section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. The
601 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, after notice and opportunity for a
602 hearing in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, may
603 suspend the motor vehicle operator's license of any person who
604 commits a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of
605 subsection (a) or (b) of this section until such person attains the age of
606 eighteen years.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To impose standards concerning the operation of motor vehicles by persons sixteen and seventeen years of age; to strengthen driver training and education requirements for sixteen and seventeen year old applicants for motor vehicle operator's licenses and endorsements to operate motorcycles; and to provide that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles issue a motorcycle endorsement to a motor vehicle operator's license in lieu of issuing a motorcycle operator's license.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]